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DEQ encourages residents to properly dispose of storm debris

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality encourages residents in storm affected areas to collect trash and debris and place them curbside for proper disposal. Household chemicals can become hazardous in storm-damaged homes.

Examples of materials that may need special disposal or recycling include electronics, batteries, computer hardware, paint, cleaning products, solvents, and lawn and garden products. Materials should be sorted curbside to help expedite cleanup efforts.

Segregate all wastes generated into five categories:

- Vegetative yard waste (tree limbs, leaves, etc.)
- Household chemicals, paint, herbicides, pesticides, caustic and flammable liquids (keep these items separated and in their original containers)
- White goods (refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves and similar appliances)
- Electronic appliances (computers, laptops, televisions, stereos, etc.)
- All other solid, nonhazardous wastes/debris (building materials, furniture, etc.)

When placing these wastes at curbside for pickup, keep each group separated from the other. Where possible, residents should mark containers clearly before placing them out for disposal. Ensure that food is removed from freezers and refrigerators before placing them curbside.

For more information on re-entry, please go to the DEQ website and view the flood re-entry fact sheet, <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/portals/0/news/pdf/Floodre-entryfactsheet.pdf>